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**SUBJECT** Criticism by Hans Globke of US  
Proposal Regarding Possible German  
Settlement

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## REFERENCES

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1. In a recent conversation, Hans Globke, State Secretary in Chancellor Adenauer's office, stated that the Americans display little imagination or understanding regarding conditions actually prevailing behind the Iron Curtain.
2. Globke made particular reference to a recent mention by the US State Department of the possibility of a confederation of two Germanys. The proposal called for the setting up in East Germany of Laender governments patterned after those in West Germany; this could lead to a federation approach on a Laender basis and eventually to an over-all approach on the theory that it could provide the means for closer contacts between the people of both areas.<sup>1</sup> Globke maintains that this proposal is based on the false assumption that the people of East Germany can influence government trends, which in reality are influenced by the Soviets alone.
3. Moreover, said Globke, if the US proposal were worked out, the six military districts in East Germany would mean that East Germany would have a total of six Laender compared with 10 Laender in West Germany.<sup>2</sup> This would not be at all representative of the true proportion based on total population, which is four to one (sic) in favor of the Federal Republic. In Globke's opinion, the parity principle set forth in the SPD reunification plan would mean the eventual surrender of the Federal Republic to East Germany.

### Headquarters Comments

1. It appears that Globke misunderstands proposals made by the US in the Working Committee on the Berlin and German problems. It is also possible that the source did not recall Globke's statements with complete accuracy.
2. The reference to "six military districts" in East Germany is not clear, nor is there any explanation of how this would result in six Laender in East Germany, which is actually made up of only five Laender.

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